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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L SANA 4417

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE AT UNGA

1. CHARGE NOTIFIED ON 10 SEPTEMBER THAT YAR FOREIGN MINISTER ABDALLAH AL-ASNAJ PLANS TO LEAD DELEGATION TO UNGA, ARRIVING NEW YORK CITY ABOUT 29 SEPTEMBER. YAR SPEECH IS ON 2 OCTOBER. AFTER STAY IN NEW YORK OF "WEEK OR TEN DAYS," ASNAJ PLANS TO VISIT CLEVELAND FOR HEART CHECK.

2. ASNAJ REQUESTS APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY AND WITH US OFFICIAL DEALING WITH MIDDLE EAST.

3. ASNAJ REQUESTS FULL SECURITY PROTECTION DURING TIME IN US. CHARGE EXPLAINED THAT PRIME MINISTER ABD AL-AZIZ ABD AL-GHANI, JUST RETURNED FROM US, WAS GRATEFUL FOR SECURITY PROTECTION BUT FOUND IT ENCUMBERING. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER AL-KIBSI REPLIED ASNAJ BELIEVES CONFIDENTIAL

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HE IS EVEN MORE LIKELY TARGET FOR ASSASSINATION BY PDRY TERRORISTS THAN YAR PRIME MINISTER AND DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT TWO YEMENI BODYGUARDS WHO WILL ACCOMPANY HIM TO UNITED STATES CAN PROVIDE ADEQUATE COVERAGE. GUARDS WILL BE ARMED.

4. IN SEPARATE INTERVIEW ON 31 AUGUST, CHARGE HAD MORE

SUCCESS PERSUADING DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, MOHAMMED
JUNAYD NOT RPT NOT TO REQUEST SPECIAL SECURITY
ATTENTION WHEN HE GOES TO WASHINGTON FOR INF MEETINGS
AT END OF SEPTEMBER. JUNAYD DID REQUEST, HOWEVER, THAT
DEPARTMENT NOTIFY IMF AND OTHER LOCAL POLICE AND SECURITY
OFFICES OF VISIT.

COMMENT: STRONGLY CONCUR WITH REQUEST OF YAR FOREIGN
MINISTER FOR SECURITY PROTECTION. ASNAJ HAS BOLDLY LED
YAR INTO DISPUTE WITH CONSPIRATORIAL PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS
AND SOUTH YEMEN GOVERNMENT IN AFTERMATH OF ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT AHMAD AL-GHASHMI. HE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT AS
FORMER ADENI PDY REGIME BEARS HIM SPECIAL GRUDGE AND
HAS PUT HIM ON TOP OF THEIR LIST OF INTENDED VICTIMS.
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